

5. (Amended) A trailing edge deletion prevention apparatus suitable for use with an image forming system, comprising:

A3 a paper guide mounted along a paper path and adapted to guide paper along said paper path; and

B a biasing member mounted to said image forming system and biased against said paper guide to cause said paper to be taut to a location further along said paper path and configured to accommodate a printing device that is configured to move over said paper such that an edge of said printing device extends beyond said paper guide to a position wherein a printing area of the printing device is located over a position where the biasing member and the paper guide meet.

A4 13. (Amended) A method for preventing deleting a trailing edge of a piece of paper processed by an image forming system, comprising the steps of:

biasing a biasing member against a paper guide;

B passing a piece of paper between said biasing member and said paper guide such that said piece of paper is taut to a location further along a paper path; and

moving a printing device over said piece of paper while allowing an edge of said printing device to extend beyond said paper guide to allow an image to be formed along a trailing edge of said paper.

Please add new claims 14-16 as follows:

A5 14. (New) The trailing edge deletion prevention apparatus of claim 1 further including,

C a paper guide/biasing member position wherein the paper guide and biasing member meet.

15. (New) The trailing edge deletion prevention apparatus of claim 14, wherein the printing device includes a printing area located over the paper guide/biasing member position.

16. (New) The method according to claim 13, wherein said moving step includes, locating the printing device over a position where said biasing member and said paper guide meet.
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